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CRONK; CU/EA

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO BOURGIN'S SINGAPORE VISIT

REF: BOURGIN-FISCHMAN & BOURGIN-AMB. CRONK CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOS COMMUNICATIONS PERMSEC. HERMAN HOCHSTADT, IN DEBRIEFING SESSION, INDICATED STRONG GOS INTEREST MANUFACTURING REGIONAL BUS BUT INDICATED TWO CAVEATS:

(A) REGION WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO DISTINCT BUS DESIGNS, ONE CLOSE TO THE GROUND FOR RAPID ENTRY AND EXIT, AND THE OTHER WITH RESILIENT SUSPENSION TO ACCOMMODATE POCK-MARKED ROADS AND (B) POLITICAL SENSITIVITY DICTATES EACH COUNTRY PARTICIPATE IN CONSTRUCTION. IF SINGAPORE WERE TO BUILD THE BUS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO ENGINE AND DRIVE TRAIN, WITH RECIPIENT

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COUNTRY BUILDING THE BODY. SINGAPORE BUILDING THE ENTIRE

BUS FROM START TO FINISH MAY BE POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

2. ASIAN BUS IDEA FURTHER RAISED WITH FINANCE MINISTRY DEPSEC H.M. SITHAWALLA WHO RECOMMENDED INDUSTRY TEAM, AS PROPOSED BY CARROLL CARTER, VISIT SINGAPORE AND THE FOUR OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES IN AUGUST. GOS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION AT OCTOBER MEETING OF ASEAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

3. HOCHSTADT AND SITHAWALLA HAVE BOTH REQUESTED THAT DETAILED PROPOSAL BE PREPARED AND ADDRESSED TO HOCHSTADT ASAP. GOS WOULD THEN SHARE PROPOSAL WITH ASEAN PARTNERS. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD GIVE PROPOSAL GREATER LIKLIHOOD OF ASEAN ACCEPTANCE THAN ONE UNILATERALLY INITIATED BY GOS.

4. ALTHOUGH DELAYED, IT APPEARS SINGAPORE WILL PROBABLY OPT FOR MRT IN LONG RUN. ACCORDING HOCHSTADT, DECISION ON PHASE TWO EXPECTED THIS MONTH. SOIL STUDIES WOULD THEN TAKE FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS POSTPONING ACTUAL START PHASE TWO TO EARLY NEXT YEAR. IV GRANTEE GOS CHIEF PLANNER CHUA PENG CHYE, IN SEPARATE DEBRIEFING SESSION APPEARED FAIRLY CERTAIN SINGAPORE GOING MRT ROUTE BUT PREDICTED SYSTEM WOULD NOT BE OPERATIONAL FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

5. LETTER TO FOLLOW.
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